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## MORE PREACHERS GO ESTRAY THAN SALOONKEEPERS

Without Any Special Laws Made to Entrap Them

Superintendent Wheeler May Have Stormy Seas  
In Which to Sail His Bark, Providing He Gets  
Out of His Own Waters.

Mr. Editor: Since Youngstown has gone wet, there are people who feel over confident and the wets, or those who seem to think they are, like the three tailors of London, seem to have passed a resolution that, "We, the people," should petition for a vote in Stark County to settle the liquor question in the interest of business. When they get the necessary names, which they probably will by the time this is printed, the matter will have passed their control, and the real people will be in it. This only shows that a few men may stir up a big and expensive commotion. There is no doubt whatever, that if Stark county votes on the question and shows a healthy wet majority, that all the cities and towns will experience a building boom, such as has not been seen by the oldest inhabitant and will nearly double their population in the next ten years. If the surrounding counties remain dry and it may be, that this will outweigh the fact of the wets bringing on the fight. The constant threatening of the Marsh satellites or parasites, does have a tendency to retard the influx of capital, because business men, from a dry county, will not come here as long as there is any serious doubt in regard to the result along these lines in this county, and if the people are sure that the county will go wet, then a vote should be taken as soon as possible, otherwise let well enough alone.

The prohiba seem to have had the power to make people believe that liquor had no intrinsic value and was a total loss to the consumer. Never was there a greater falsehood. There is absolutely nothing in liquor but labor, from the digging of the ore that has the iron, to make the plow, to the potter that makes the cup out of which it is drunk. To follow all the lines of labor that enter into liquors from the raising of the grain to the consuming of the product has an endless chain to business, and every department of labor and professions except the preacher, and he has now made it a source of revenue by a reform propaganda for revenue only. And it is safe to say, if his salary was directly connected, even as remotely as that of the jeweler who regulates the big clock in the brewery, he would never be heard from as a prophet. Within the last year it has been fully demonstrated that every town or city that votes out liquor feels the effect in every department of business. This is because there is no tradesman, mechanic or other person that produces anything, that is not directly benefited in the sale, manufacture or preservation (storage) of liquor and its use is more beneficial than thousands of other articles. There are ribbons and feathers and birds and bounces, and bangles and rings and rats, and thousands of gewgaws and baubles that cost millions of dollars and are of no use to anyone except the labor that they give to people that would otherwise be unemployed while the evil is in the rivalry they cause among neighbors, and the bankruptcy courts into which they lead many innocent fathers and mothers, husbands and others.

If Mr. Marsh and his ilk can show that the Bible is mistaken why do

they not do so in a truthful manner. The most despicable of all God's creatures is a liar. Men can defend themselves against the thief and murderer but against the liar no one can fortify himself, and Rev. 21:8, says: "All liars shall have their portion in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." The drunkards are not included. These Prohibits and preachers have been asked in what part of the Bible, it is stated that men have "never dying souls," or immortal souls or to point to any scripture that declares the soul of man to be indestructible, or that any of them live in torment after death, and they all admit it is not in the Bible. Why then do they preach it and if they do so, are they not falsifiers and themselves in danger of that lake and if they prevaricate in doctrine, can anyone believe them on the liquor question. How strange it must appear to a world to learn at this late day, that immortality is not an attribute of a soul, and that the world has been deceived by a so-called Christian church along this line and led to believe that friends and relations were sizzling in hell when there is no scripture to show the sizzling, and now that the overpowering scourge is passing through and the prohibs can no longer hide behind these old lies, they begin to talk of lawbreakers and criminals, and liquor stores not run according to law, when they made the laws themselves and made them for the purpose of being violated and set up a standard of morals of their own making and contrary to any other known standard. The old Bible, which is good enough for heaven, only calls a drunken man a fool and not a criminal.

They talk about liquor being used in brothels. So is bread used in such places, and every other commodity. Is bread to be outlawed for that reason? Law breakers are not partial to saloons. It was a saloon keeper that was instrumental in the arrest of the kidnapers of Willie Whitt; but it is not likely he will ever get either credit or reward for what he did in the matter. Look over the record and all will notice that there are more preachers that go astray, proportionately, than saloon keepers and there are no special laws to entrap them either.

Mr. Wheeler, it is announced, will come here to tell the benighted people of Stark county what to do to be saved, and his truths (?) will be scrutinized with care, and if he misquotes any scripture he will hear something, as the muzzle seems to be off the press, and while he may pollute the sanctuary, if he will, he will find stormy seas for his little bark if he undertakes to sail outside of his own waters.

A preacher is Lord of all he surveys in his own pulpit, but when he undertakes to enforce his decrees on the outside it is time to call a halt. If the county votes dry there will be no need to hunt for a "slogan" for Canton. It will name itself as "Canton, the flat" and it should be the work of every man to see that his vote is cast for industry and prosperity, that the "barns may be filled with plenty and the fats overflow with wine."

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## MISS ELKINS MAY YET WED THE ITALIAN DUKE

Naples, June 15.—Considerable surprise was created here Monday by an apparently authentic report that the Duke and Duchess de Guisa, who recently departed on the steamship Berlin for New York Saturday, are bound for America for the purpose of again patching up the Abruzzi-Elkins marriage.

It is stated in high circles that Miss Katherine Elkins will accompany the duke and duchess back to Italy, in order that all objections hitherto urged against the marriage may be overcome.

The Duchess de Guisa is a sister of Duchess Ellen de Aosta, Abruzzi's sister-in-law, who has been favorable to the match from the start.

Every precaution was taken to keep the movements of the duke and duchess a mystery. Duchess de Aosta refused to see anyone, and it is impossible to get any direct word from the family of Abruzzi.

A close friend of the duke, who is now hunting in the Himalayas, said Monday that the duke and Miss Elkins have been in constant communication with each other by cable ever since the king's objections prevented the marriage last year.

It is said that the duke's despondency has aroused sympathy in the royal family, and that the king and queen have finally consented to the marriage if the Duke and Duchess de Guisa report favorably.

## A MINISTER FIXES TEN LAWS FOR MARRIAGE

Chardon, June 15.—Rev. Alonzo Early, pastor of the Chardon Congregational church, who has been conducting a matrimonial clinic, in his sermon Sunday laid down 10 requirements that young women desire in husbands—as gleaned from letters written him by Geauga county women. The minister by similar correspondence found that there were only three requirements that men desired in wives.

Requirements the women want he summed up in the following 10 commandments:

"I.—Let him love me.  
"II.—Let him be true.  
"IV.—Let him be educated.

"IV.—Let him be manly.  
"V.—Let him be healthy.  
"VI.—Let him be able to support me.  
"VII.—Let him be sober.  
"VIII.—Let him attend church.  
"IX.—Let him be ambitious.  
"X.—Let him love children.  
The writers did not specify as to size, color or hair nor looks. The men said:  
"I.—Let her love her home.  
"II.—Let her do her own housework.  
"III.—Let her be companionable.  
"I want to remind you, married and unmarried," Dr. Early said in his sermon, "that you are not going to be sure that you will never love another than your husband and wife."

## WASHINGTON LAWS ARE HARD ON ANARCHISTS AND WAITERS

Spokane, Wash., June 15.—Advocates of anarchy must carefully edit their mouth-filling phrases for public utterances in the state of Washington, if they desire to keep clear of prison cells.

The new criminal code, now in operation, designates the expression of the doctrine a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for any period up to 10 years.

There are numerous important changes in the law, including the abolition of the compulsory death sentence for murder in the second degree and giving the court discretionary power to sentence to imprisonment for life.

There is also the establishment of a new degree of crimes known as gross misdemeanors, which includes "grafting."

punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than a year or a fine of \$1000 or both.

Insanity is no defense in criminal cases; but it is provided that when, in the judgment of the court, any person convicted shall have been insane, an idiot or an imbecile at the time of the commission of the act, he may be committed to a hospital for the insane or to the insane ward of the penitentiary until he has recovered.

The code forbids "tipping" and having possession of cigarettes or papers, and, though it is specified that "every provision shall be construed according to the fair import of its terms," the foremost criminal lawyers in the state declare it will cause much confusion and in numerous instances it will compel good citizens to become law-breakers.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO BLACKMAIL LAW PLANS FOR CONVENTION

DEMAND MADE ON RICH HOOSIER  
FOR \$500 OR HIS HOUSE  
WILL BE BURNED AND  
FAMILY KILLED.

A DECOY PACKAGE VIEWED THE CITY

New Castle, Ind., June 15.—Federal and local officers are engaged in the investigation of an attempt to blackmail Nathan Payne, a wealthy farmer of this city.

The attempt at blackmail was made last Friday, but it was not until tonight that any information was given out for publication. Last Friday Mrs. Payne received a letter addressed to her husband, who was absent at the time.

The letter demanded that Payne place a package containing \$500 on the northwest pier of Flat Rock bridge, half mile south of the Payne home, under penalty of having his house and barn burned.

The letter further said that if this request was refused Payne was to place a \$1000 package in the same place or suffer the assassination of himself and another member of his family.

Ernest Payne, a son, turned the letter over to Postmaster James H. Jones, who promptly forwarded it to the proper authorities. In the meantime the case was reported to Sheriff Burr and guards established at the Payne home.

A decoy package was placed at the bridge at 11:50 o'clock on Friday night. Two rigs passed that point a few minutes later, but no stop was made, one of the guards being on the roadway.

Today two young men approached the bridge on foot and instituted a careful search.

A handwriting expert today stated that the letter was written by a minor at the dictation of an adult. In the meantime an armed guard is on duty day and night and extra precautions have been taken against fire brands. His wife is in a high state of nervousness. Neighbors, too, are guarding from a distance and the community is greatly wrought up.

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ADVANCE GUARD OF C. M. B. A.  
ARRIVES TO PREPARE  
THE WAY.

VIEWED THE CITY

At a meeting of national officers of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association at the Courtland hotel Tuesday afternoon preliminary arrangements were completed for a convention of the association in this city October 12 to 16, inclusive.

Supreme President John J. Hines, of Buffalo, N. Y., acted as chairman. The supreme recorder, Joseph Cameron, of Cornell, N. Y., and the supreme board of trustees, composed of Rev. M. J. Keen, of Buffalo, N. Y., T. P. Hoben, of Scranton, Pa., John H. Breen, of Detroit, Mich., and C. X. Schlaudecker, of Cleveland, and fifteen other prominent members of the association were present.

Prior to completing arrangements for the coming convention the party took a ride over the city and viewed the business and residential sections. The McKinley monument was visited, as were other points of interest.

The committee selected the Courtland hotel as headquarters for the convention. The convention meetings will be held in the rooms of the Leo Branch No. 2, East block.

It is expected there will be 150 delegates here. Each state in the United States and a number of provinces in Canada are preparing to send delegates.

## RAID BOOTLEGGERS AT EAST LIVERPOOL

East Liverpool, O., June 15.—After several hours' vigilance on the part of the police they succeeded in arresting Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, proprietress of the National House.

The woman is charged with a violation of the Beal law. She was released on \$200 bond yesterday and will probably be given a hearing to-day.

The raid on the hotel was made by Officers Mahoney, Haley and Auderheide.

The officers had a hard time gain-

## SATURDAY, JULY 10, IS THE TIME FIXED FOR THE ELECTION

To Decide if Stark County is To Be

Fourteen Thousand Voters Sign

For the Election, the Number

the People May Vote.

The names of over 14,000 voters have been attached to the petitions calling for a county local option election, which was presented to the county commissioners Wednesday, about 50 per cent of the entire vote.

The County commissioners have now set a date for the county local option election in Stark county. The date fixed is Saturday July 10. The time is short for a campaign of this character, but an early date was set in compliance with a request from the business men of Canton and other cities in the county, who are anxious to have the question settled as soon as possible. During campaigns of this kind business of all kinds is almost at a standstill and those who have money to invest in legitimate enterprises hold their cash until such a time when they are assured that cities like Canton will not have a setback, such as is caused in all places that have voted dry. People do not want to invest in properties and erect new structures. If the old places are unoccupied, which would be the natural result if the saloons would be forced out of business.

The business men, who have taken charge of the matter of holding an election at this time did not consult the men engaged in the liquor traffic, but took it upon themselves to circulate the petitions.

Over in Mahoning county, where the "wet" and "dry" election took place last week, resulting in a grand victory for the "wets," very little other business was transacted during the heat of the campaign, which lasted about four weeks. Since that time everything is booming over there.

The people of Canton and Stark county should do the same as they did in Youngstown and Mahoning county, for the interests of the people here are identical with those of our neighboring county.

Reports from Columbiana and Tuscarawas counties, two of our closest neighbors, are to the effect that taxes are being raised sky high and that business properties are depreciating in value to an alarming extent. Farmers are now commencing to feel the increased burdens of taxation, caused by the voting out of the saloons.

When they call upon the county treasurer they find that their taxes have been doubled and they must go to the banks and draw out some of the money kept there before they could get their tax receipts.

And there is still another thing that should not be lost sight of. During the next few weeks you will no doubt be invited to listen to a lot of paid shouters sent into our midst by the Anti-Saloon League. These people, as a rule, do not know anything about local conditions—and

ing admittance and it was only after they had almost broken in two doors that Mrs. Davis finally opened up.

One barrel containing five dozen bottles of beer and another with two dozen in it were found in the kitchen.

## EXHUME BODY; FIND IT COVERED WITH MARKS

White Plains, June 15.—When the body of Mrs. Augusta Roberts, of Columbia, Conn., was exhumed this afternoon it was discovered she had been beaten to death instead of dying of heart disease as her husband, William, claimed.

He is in Willimantic jail for getting drunk after her funeral, and is suspected of killing her.

## ENGAGED TO MARRY FOR THE THIRD TIME

New York, June 15.—Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Edith Irwin Walter, the favorite niece of Augustus Thomas, the playwright, and well known in St. Louis society to Julien Lansdell Hume.

Miss Walter had everything in readiness three years ago for her marriage to an automobile broker of Middletown, N. Y., when it was discovered that he had a wife living.

The young woman was shopping with her fiancé when his wife happened to see them and exposed him. The wedding invitations were recalled the night before the wedding was to take place and for several weeks Miss Walter suffered from nervous prostration.

Early this spring Miss Walter was engaged to marry Robert Patterson, a wealthy young hotel owner of Honesdale, Pa. She was wearing his engagement ring and dressmakers were at work on her trousseau and the date for the wedding was set for June 8.

The officers had a hard time gain-

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HEAD OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE  
TALKS ON "WETS" PETI-  
TIONS JUST FILED.

Superintendent Rev. William Marsh  
of the local Anti-Saloon League, de-  
clared Tuesday that the many signa-  
tures on the wet petitions was not a  
good indication of their strength.

"As soon as the petitions are filed  
we will examine them and when we  
learn who the signers are we will  
know better."

"We asked the dries not to sign the  
petition calling for the election for  
that reason. We found out, though,  
that some dries did sign them and we  
won't know the exact strength until  
we have gone over the names."

Superintendent Marsh stated, that  
the Anti-Saloon League was prepared  
for the campaign. State Superintendent  
Wayne B. Wheeler was in the city  
Monday and a meeting between some  
of the Anti-Saloon people and Wheel-  
er was held. He will return to Can-  
ton in the near future to further plans  
for the election campaign.

"We will conduct the fight without  
gloves," said Superintendent Marsh  
when asked about plans they had  
made. "We will be ready to begin the  
campaign any time."

## RAY LAMPHERE NEAR DEATH

COMPANION OF MRS. GUNNESS  
NEAR END IN HOSPITAL  
WARD OF PRISON.

Laporte, Ind., June 15.—In response  
to a letter from her brother, Ray  
Lamphere, Mrs. James Finlay yester-  
day hurried to the Michigan City pris-  
on to see the prisoner, notorious  
through his association with Mrs.  
Gunness, the arch murderer, for the  
burning of whose home Lamphere was  
sent to the penitentiary.

Lamphere in his letter stated that  
he recently had suffered four hemor-  
rhages and believed death was im-  
minent.

This belief was confirmed in the  
mind of Mrs. Finlay by the refusal  
of the prison authorities to allow her  
to visit her brother in the hospital  
ward. Despite her pleadings the  
deputy warden was obdurate, reply-  
ing:

"Lamphere is extremely low and  
cannot see anyone."  
It is understood that an effort to  
secure his immediate parole will be  
made, but his demise is expected be-  
fore this step can be taken.

## IMAGINED HE WAS A KING

CINCINNATI MAN WHO CLAIM-  
ED ENGLISH THRONE IS  
DEAD IN NEW YORK.

New York, June 15.—The body of  
Edmund Montgomery Moffet, who all  
his life claimed to be the rightful king  
of England, was buried yesterday near  
his home at Woodcliff, N. J. Dr.  
Moffet, who was 62 years old, was  
born of a good family in Cincinnati  
and for many years had a large med-  
ical practice from which he accumu-  
lated quite a fortune.

Moffet and his immediate ancestors  
had traced their genealogy back to 400  
B. C., and Dr. Moffet claims to be the  
true lineal descendant of King James  
II. His claim to the throne of Great  
Britain came through Ferguson, first king  
of Scotland, and down to Robert  
Bruce and the Stuarts.

Dr. Moffet was a highly educated  
man and only to his immediate friends  
did he discuss his relationship with  
royalty. He never made any formal

## LET THEM KISS, SAYS CHIEF OF POLICE

Pittsburg, Pa., June 15.—"Let 'em  
kiss their heads off. Give them room,"  
was the gist of an order handed down  
to the police of Pittsburg by Superin-  
tendent Thomas A. McQuaide when  
asked for a decision on spooning in  
the big parks of Pittsburg.

As a result, McQuaide is perhaps the  
most popular police official that has  
ever been in Pittsburg. The great  
American privilege of a young man  
to take his best girl into the park  
and there kiss her, if she is willing,  
will no longer be curtailed in Pitts-  
burg in spite of the protests of the  
elderly ladies.

"I don't like the lovers' lanes in  
the parks—those long, dark ways  
where lovers have been in the habit  
of hiding—but I favor more benches  
where the light is subdued enough not  
to embarrass the young people in the  
park," said Chief McQuaide tonight.

"If I can assist the young men and  
women to an hour's quiet time togeth-  
er in our parks I am going to do it.  
Let 'em kiss!"